

# Memo

**To:** Wayne Latimer

**From:** Gene Pabst *GP*

**CC:**

**Date:** 03/30/01

**Re:** 1124 W. College – Sanitary Sewer Blockage (10:30 A.M.)

On March 30, 2001, sewer maintenance crew 552 (Ted Thompson & Darrell Brunner) wanted an inspector to come to 1124 W. College to meet them. When I arrived they informed me that they had a call that the sanitary sewer was backing up into the home at 1124 W. College. When they started to flush the line (MH 14 to MH 15 – See Attached Map) they had a lot of black stuff come out of the sewer line and a very strong odor. They said the line appeared to be flowing okay before they started to flush the line. They thought that Blackburn Bros. Septic Tank Service had been dumping into the sanitary sewer through their house line. I tried to contact Blackburn Bros. at 1204 W. College but could not find anyone at that location. I then called Scott Stevens, Blackburn Bros., and asked him if they had been discharging loads of septic tank waste to the sanitary sewer. He said that they take everything to the treatment plant. He did say that they had a problem in 1996 about them discharging at that location, but since then they take everything to the treatment plant. He was very specific about this. I told him that he needs to take everything to the treatment plant and not discharge anything at that location. Mr. Stevens said that Grant Sewer Service also operates out of that location and that he would be sure to tell them about the problem, but he was sure no one was discharging anything to the sanitary sewer. Ted and Darrell finished flushing the line and found a lot of small rocks and gravel in the line. They said that it appeared to be more rocks and gravel than normal, plus they were black in color. They pulled almost a 5-gallon bucket of small rocks and gravel from the line. I tried to contact the resident at 1124 W. College about the problem. There was no one home. I did talk to a lady at 1120 W. College. I gave her Wayne Latimer's telephone number to give to the resident at 1124 W. College if he was going to have a claim against the City. I told her that Wayne would refer them to the City Law Department to handle the claim. She said that she would give the resident of 1124 W. College the information.

*Ted Thompson said that when they first started to flush the line the black stuff came out of the sanitary sewer as thick as molasses.*

*GP 3-30-01 3:20 P.M.*

*1124 W. College*

